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## UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL TO BE LAUNCHED JANUARY 11

The celebrated cantor Moshe Kusevitsky will sing at the opening function of the United Israel Appeal which will be held at the Chateau Laurier Hotel on Tuesday evening, January 11 next. As in former years, this affair will be in the form of a dinner, and it is expected that attendance will surpass last year's record crowd which practically filled the hotel ballroom.

At the time of going to press, we are not able to give the name of the principal speaker for the occasion, but we are informed that a prominent and eloquent citizen of the State of Israel will be present to address the gathering. The Ottawa Jewish community will thus be given an opportunity to hear a first-hand account of developments in Israel from one who is active in its national affairs.

The United Israel Appeal is the successor to the United Palestine Appeal, and the Campaign this year will be for the purpose of assisting and accelerating the mass immigration from Europe to Israel which is now proceeding at a rapid pace and whose object is to empty the D.P. camps at the earliest possible moment and to settle the new citizens of Israel on the land.

Readers are urged to make early reservations for the Dinner and to obtain their tickets now from Miss Helen Abelson, 4-3264 or Mr. Dave Zelikovitz, 3-8443.

## DRAFT OF ISRAELI CONSTITUTION ATTRACTS WIDE ATTENTION

The following was issued under a New York dateline by J.T.A. News Bulletin:

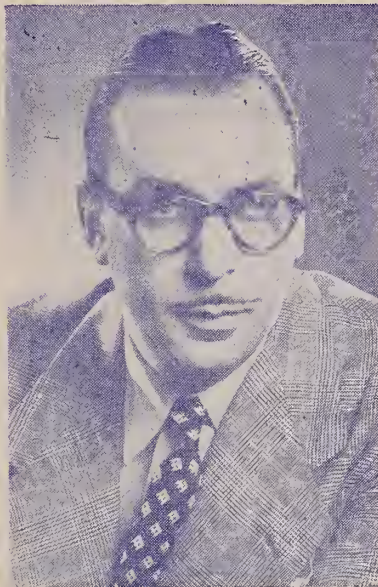
"Outstanding American authorities on international and constitutional law have commented favourably on the draft of the Israeli constitution, the full text of which was made public in the American press. Eliahu Epstein, Israeli envoy in Washington in a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, said as follows:

"The draft, prepared by Dr. Leo Kolm, counsellor of the Israeli Foreign Office, attracted wide interest. It combines aspects of the American, French and British systems of government with some of the fundamentals of ancient Jewish law. It abolishes the death penalty, separates church and state, guarantees free access to Palestine's Holy Places, establishes freedom of worship for all sects, draws no distinction among Jews, Christians and Moslems in their rights as citizens, and goes beyond any existing constitution — including that of the United States — in setting forth basic human rights.

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## CHANUKAH — FESTIVAL OF REDEDICATION ITS HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANCE

### RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE VAAD HA'IR



Lawrence Freiman

The Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir (Jewish Community Council of Ottawa) was held on Monday evening, December 13, in the Auditorium of the Talmud Torah, 453 Rideau Street.

After the presentation of Annual Committee Reports, the following Officers and Committee Chairmen were elected by acclamation for the 1948-49 season.

President: Lawrence Freiman.  
Imm. Past President: Thomas Sachs.  
Vice-Presidents: Samuel Berger, K.C.  
Samuel Lepofsky, K.C.  
Morris Zagerman.  
Treasurer: Saul Saslove.  
Honorary Secretary: Ben Zion Pearl.

### COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Arbitration: S. Zelikovitz; Authorization and Audit: I. Stone; Breakfast Club: L. S. Greenberg; Cemetery: S. Caplan; Finance: M. N. Drazin; Ladies: Mrs. B. M. Alexandor; J. D. C.: M. Greenberg; Public Relations: M. R. Freedman; Rabbinical: S. Lepofsky, K.C.; Synagogue and Jewish Community Centre: B. M. Alexandor, A. Betcherman, M. Zagerman; Talmud Torah: D. Zelikovitz; Vaad Hakashruth: L. Petegorsky; Youth: Dr. A. Hurtig; Zionist: B. M. Alexandor.

### FIRST CANDLE SUNDOWN, DECEMBER 26

In the year 332 B.C.E., Alexander the Great, having already swept over the old Persian Empire, attained the peak of his power and controlled most of the civilized world of that time, including Palestine. In that very year the young conqueror died leaving this vast empire to a group of generals who waged war among themselves for the right to rule. It became very quickly apparent that no one would be able to replace Alexander as the sole sovereign of his far-flung conquered lands. General Ptolemy succeeded in taking Egypt and General Seleucus acquired control of Syria and Persia. Palestine, which lies directly between Egypt and Syria became the bone of contention between the Ptolemies and and Seleucids, as the rulers of Egypt and Syria were respectively known.

### Antiochus Made Emperor

Ultimately, at the cost of many lives, the Seleucids conquered the Holy Land, and set up rule with Antiochus IV, surnamed Epiphanes, or the "God manifest", as Emperor. An ardent admirer of the Hellenists, Antiochus was determined to thoroughly impress their culture on the Jewish people. A royal edict was proclaimed which forbade the practice of the Jewish religion, under penalty of death. Various other decrees were handed down, all of which tended to make life unbearable for the Jews of Palestine.

### Jews Rally Around Mattathais

In the small village of Modin, Mattathais the Hasmonean resolved to oppose the royal orders, and together with his five sons, slew the first Jew who bowed down to the heathen idols in the village sanctuary. The king's officials, who attempted to enforce the decrees, met with a like fate. Upon hearing of this resistance, other Jews throughout the land rallied around Mattathais. The aged man warned his people that if they were attacked on the Sabbath they were to defend themselves for, "unless they would do so, they would become their own enemies, by observing the laws (so rigorously) while their adversaries would still assault them on this day" so said Mattathais, according

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**HOW TO CELEBRATE CHANUKAH AT HOME****LIGHTING OF CHANUKAH CANDLES**

Since the ceremony of the lighting of the candles is the most significant part of this festival, it should be observed in a spirit of reverence and solemnity.

Try to make it beautiful as well as impressive. The entire family remains standing around the Chanukah Menorah as father lights the Shamash. As the Shamash (the candle used to light the other candles) is held aloft, the first blessing over the Chanukah light is chanted. The first Chanukah Candle is lit on December 26th after dark.

**Boruch Atoh Adonoy Eloheynu melech haolom asher kiddeshanu bemitzvosov vetzivanu lehadlik neir shel Chanukah.**

**Boruch Atoh Adonoy Eloheynu melech haolom she-oso nisim la-avo-sey-nu bayamim ha-heym bazman hazeh.**

(The following blessing is recited the first evening only.)

**Boruch Atoh Adonoy Eloheynu melech haolom shehecheyonu vekimonu vehigianu lazman hazeh.**

After the candles are lit, we sing "Haneros Halolu".

**Haneros halolu anachnu madleekim al hanisim v'al ha-tshu-os v'al haniflo-os she-o-see-so la-avoseynu bayomeem haheym ba-zman hazeh al y'dey kohanecho hakdosheem. V'chol shmonas y'mey Chanukah haneros halolu kodesh heym v'eyn lonu r'shus l'hishtameysh bohem elo lirosom bil'vod. K'dey l'hodos l'shimcho hagadol al nisecho v'al y'shuosecho v'al niflosecho.**

There should be a festive party spirit each night of Chanukah. After the lighting of the candles, little inexpensive surprises may accompany each dinner hour of the week. Games might be played by the family after dinner, such as dreidle, charades, etc.

Parents should invite each child to kindle at least one candle.

**BOOK NOTES**

By Deborah Lifschutz

**DESTINATION PALESTINE.** By Ruth Gruber. Current Books Inc. A. A. Wyn. Pub. 1948. 128 pp. in addition to 32 on-the-spot photographs.

The story of the Exodus 1947, is the story of 4500 Jews who embarked from a secret port of Europe on an old American excursion boat purchased by Haganah, manned by a volunteer American crew, in a determined effort to break the British Blockade and get to Eretz Israel.

Ruth Gruber, foreign correspondent for the New York Herald Tribune was waiting in Palestine to cover the arrival of Exodus 1947, a shipload of men, women and children, who were coming from the hateful camps in Europe, with little food, in crowded quarters, on a vessel, suitable for river excursions but with the courage and will to reach Palestine and live as free men.

This book gives a vivid account of what happened when five British destroyers and one cruiser attacked this old tramp steamer, outside territorial waters, rammed it, boarded it, killed the first mate, a former naval officer, wounded others and then brought the ship into the port of Haifa.

There with Nazi brutality these people were divided into groups, then by deception inveigled to board prison ships and were taken, not to Cyprus, as promised, but out to sea and brought to Port de Bouc—in France. There in the broiling sun, without shelter for days on end, in quarters so crowded and stifling that those who slept on the roof of the latrines were the fortunate ones, denied the basic necessities of life, these people were kept on board in an effort to break their moral.

It was with Maccabean courage that these physically weakened people refused to disembark anywhere but Eretz Israel. After weeks of privation and suffering they were taken back to the country that had annihilated their families and had destroyed their futures.

But despite it all, there was no force great enough to keep these people from their own soil—in little groups they crawled out of the British camps and went down to secret ports in Italy and France, climbed on Haganah ships, traveled the whole underground sea journey, ran the British Blockade and were in Israel on the 15th of May when the nation was reborn.

This is a brilliant report, which showed the world Bevin's anti-Jewish and pro-Arab policy. It told the world that the Jew would not be put off with "white papers" any more, that the Jews were a people with a new courage, an unshakeable determination and a faith in the future.

**THE HOUSE OF NASI: DONA GRACIA.**

By Cecil Roth. Jewish Pub. Soc. of Am. 1947. \$3.00. 208 pp.

This is the story of one of the most impressive Jewish personalities of the sixteenth century—Dona Gracia Nasi. Born of Marrano parents, Dona Gracia, tremendously wealthy, travelled about quite a bit in order to preserve her fortune, and finally arrived in Constantinople. There, she embraced Judaism openly, and, because of her wealth, dominated the Jewish communities of Turkey.

Cecil Roth glowingly describes this patron of Jewish learning and influential personality of that century.

**ROADS TO ZION. Edited by Kurt Wilhelm.**

Schocken Books. 1948. \$1.50. 117 pp.

In this small volume, Rabbi Wilhelm has translated a number of letters by Jewish travellers to Palestine written during the four centuries preceding the Zionist Era. These letters reveal the hardships encountered by these pilgrims, the conditions prevailing enroute, modes of travel and lastly, the inner spiritual drive which directed them to what is now the State of Israel.

This volume serves as an illuminating backdrop on the stage of our contemporary Zionist achievements.

**DRAFT OF ISRAELI CONSTITUTION***(continued from page 1)*

"The draft provides that no one should be subjected to torture, flogging or humiliating punishment and prohibits the application of moral pressure or physical violence in the course of police interrogation. Freedom of speech and opinion is guaranteed. Censorship is unlawful, except in time of war or national emergency. No person may be extradited to any country where he is liable to be deprived of such rights as are guaranteed by the Israeli Constitution. Hebrew is the official language of Israel, but adequate facilities shall be given to Arab-speaking citizens for use of their language in the legislature, before courts and before administrative authorities.

"Sabbath and the Jewish holidays are the official days of rest, but holy days of other religious denominations are recognized equally as days of rest for the members of such denominations. Every citizen has a right to social security and to health services by the state, which will also provide facilities for primary and secondary education for Israelis and Arabs in their own languages.

"The President, according to the constitution, is to be elected for a period of five years by the Israeli Parliament, which is to have not less than 100 members. The Cabinet is to have not more than 15 members and is to be responsible to the Parliament. The Premier and his Cabinet must resign when they fail to get the support of a majority of the Parliament. Members of the Parliament are elected for four years."



# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## THIS IS ALSO A MIRACLE OF CHANUKAH

(An Abridgement)

By Mendeley Mocher Sforim

Fedye is my eldest son. Right from his birth I tried to educate the man in him, to prepare him not merely for the narrow life within the confines of his people and his religion, but for a completely universal life, with no distinction between sacred and profane, or between Israel and other nations. If he was to burden himself with the yoke of Judaism and afterwards cast it off better not take it on in the first place. No burdening and no unburdening. Thus, my Fedye was brought up ignorant of the law and religion of Israel, speaking and behaving as a son of the peoples of the world.

Fedye was a good natured and happy boy — and he never knew sorrow . . . until he entered secondary school . . .

One day he came home from school sad and very irritable, and rushed into his room. I called to him and he did not answer. I called to him a second time, and he turned his face towards me. His face was burning — his eyes, bathed in tears. "What is the matter, son?" I asked him, greatly moved. Angrily he sighed and said "Why do you ask? Don't you know that I am amongst enemies there? They have been mocking me all the time, and today they teased me more than ever about the Festival of Matsot, for they say it is the Jew's Passover today."

I listened speechless — my mind in a whirl. I beheld my beloved son's spiritual anguish, and my heart smote me, and I said to myself: "This sorrow of your son's is caused by you. You estranged this soul from its own people, in order to introduce it to the whole of humanity. Humanity is not something independent and self-sufficient; it is simply a name comprising all the nations of the earth. And even if we assume that it is as you think, the way you have seen to attain human perfection lies through a different people, which you have chosen for your son, and not through your own people, as though that was G-d forbid a way filled with darkness and the shadow of

## THE MIRACLE OF LIGHT

By Enrico Glicenstein and  
Alexander M. Dushkin

A panorama glorious  
Unfolds before my eye:  
Boundless space and endless time,  
Israel marching by.

Burdened, bowed, the hosts are  
marching,  
Each is bearing light,  
Down the ages, over the earth,  
Bowed, yet radiant, bright.

The few among the multitudes  
In every land they've been;  
The weak among the hostile strong,  
Their banner fresh and clean.

What miracle was this, that could  
Throughout the many years  
Endow them everlasting life,  
And ease their plight and tears?

The miracle which was of yore,  
In ancient Palestine,  
Was greater far than miracles,  
Told in legends fine.

A light was lit by prophets, seers,  
It shone in Torah full;  
The oil of righteous life, of truth,  
Was its eternal fuel . . .

When Maccabees against the Greeks  
Rebelled with splendid might,  
A single cruse they found again  
Of old prophetic light.

And once again the miracle;  
For from this drop of oil,  
The lights of life illumined bright  
The loved historic soil . . .



THE DREIDEL

## CHANUKAH QUESTIONNAIRE

How many of these blanks can you fill in about Chanukah?

1. The Jewish mother who displayed extraordinary courage and self-sacrifice during the Maccabean struggle was \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Chanukah falls on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Hebrew month of \_\_\_\_\_, corresponding to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ this year.
3. Chanukah commemorates the victory of the \_\_\_\_\_ led by \_\_\_\_\_ over the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The extra candle is called the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The letters on the four sides of the dreidel are \_\_\_\_\_.
6. They stand for the Hebrew sentence \_\_\_\_\_.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ assumed leadership when Mattathias died.
8. Chanukah is also called the Feast of \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The two hymns chanted after the Chanukah lights are lit are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Mattathias lived in \_\_\_\_\_.

## UNSCRAMBLE ME

1. CUSHOTINA
2. LISKEV
3. ROEMNHA
4. KAUNHACH
5. PHIEPANSE
6. TATIMASATH
7. RISSYNA
8. LEIDDER

## ANSWERS TO CHANUKAH QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Hannah.
2. 25th Kislev, 27th December.
3. Israelites Maccabees Syrians.
4. Shamash.
5. שמן
6. עשן נר
7. Judah Maccabee.
8. Lights.
9. Maccabees Haneros Halolu.
10. Modin.

## ANSWERS TO UNSCRAMBLE ME

1. ANTIOCHUS
2. KISLEV
3. MENORAH
4. CHANUKAH
5. EPIPHANES
6. MATTATHIAS
7. SYRIANS
8. DREIDEL

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## THIS IS ALSO A MIRACLE OF CHANUKAH

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death. See then, what has happened to this son of yours, for whom you sought happiness and good from outside your own nation! Where is his happiness? Where is his joy? He has been uprooted from his people and the other nation does not take him in. He is left dangling in mid-air, his world gloomy even in his youth. Boys of his age, who grow up like plants in the midst of their people, drawing nourishment from Israel's source, retain a host of pleasant, happy memories of customs and events in family life and in the life of the community in which their childhood is spent, which soften the bitterness of life until old age! Remember how happy you were during the festivals . . . And now — now you secularise your holy day and your son learns from them that it is the Jews' Pesach today . . . how shameful! Unhappy is your son, for to strangers he is a Jew, and even more unfortunate is he, for to the Jews he is a stranger!"

How can I tell you, my friend, how sad and bitter I felt at that moment!

Now when I remember this incident, I am amazed that I did not have more regard for my honour and my son, and that I did not hasten to repair the harm I had done in the matter of his education. The idea of his vocation silenced all thoughts of regret in my heart, and everything remained as before. But what I failed to do, time did instead.

Once when my son went for a walk, I went into his room, glanced at the table and noticed three books and an open notebook lying on it.

I was astonished! I found what I would never have guessed! Two of those were holy books and one was a book for learning Hebrew. The notebook was full of Hebrew letters and nouns translated into Russian — in my son's handwriting! It was obvious that Fedye was studying the Torah in the holy tongue! But how did this come about! Who had encouraged him to do this and who was his teacher?

A few days later my son asked me to allow him to invite some friends of his home for the following evening. It was Chanukah. I agreed with pleasure, and I also promised to welcome his guests with food and drink.

The guests were mostly young boys and girls, students, rich and poor together. They were warm-hearted, happy, with eager, bright faces. Like a good host, I came and went to see that everything was in order. And so, on entering the house, I was astonished and could not understand why the guests were so excited and were all clapping. I stood and watched for a little while, and then was even more amazed! For Fedye was standing, addressing the

crowd, and all were loudly shouting "Bravo!" Fedye was inspired and spoke in a magnificent strong voice . . . "So it is also with the advent of the Messiah and with the people. A people that sits and waits for the Messiah and does nothing—has indeed, the spark of life and is destined to live, but its life is still not a real life until it arises and acts, arises and goes to meet its Messiah. When a nation overcomes obstacles and paves a way through them for its spiritual possessions, strives and marches towards its desired goal, it becomes great and then the Messiah, its deliverer, comes. Every nation will become great if it only strives upwards. And even we, Children of Israel, our redemption and the redemption of Jewish life can only come to us through the development of our national strength and spiritual resources, through the striving of our soul towards a high idea. In proof of this, even this festival of ours today, is in memory of the great deeds of the Hasmonaans." Fedye had hardly finished speaking, when the house shook and the walls trembled with the sound of the shouting applause. Many came up to me, shook my hand and said, "Be glad that you have produced such a son; may there be many such in Israel!"

I stood dumbfounded and pondered, "How many are thy deeds, Lord of the Universe, and how great are thy miracles, which thou performest in thy world! Who could have told me that Fedye, my son, an 'assimilationist' from birth, who knew neither his people nor his religion, and had never in his life seen the shape of a Hebrew letter, would become an ardent patriot of Israel! That he would be a fine speaker, a champion of Judaism in his speech, and a saviour of his people in his utterances!"

Fedye and his friends wanted to reform; not the world, but their own nation, to breathe a new spirit with it — a knowledge of itself and its glory and hope for its future; to revive its language, the language of its law and of its prophets. They came, not to destroy, but to build and plant Israel in the soil of Israel.

How wonderful was the strength of my son who had returned wholeheartedly to his people. Sons who from childhood were brought up in the faith and spirit of the people and its law, who grew up to become renegades — for them there is still hope of reform. Perhaps through the influence of their Jewish fathers and the teachings of their childhood, they will return to the fold. But what reform is there for sons whose fathers have themselves strayed, and caused them to wander away to fresh pastures? When these do return it is indeed a miracle, and that does not happen every day. And Fedye's was

## THE DAY HAS COME

By Bessie F. Collins

(This poem was written on the inspiration of the moment, when word came that the new Jewish Nation was born.)

### THE DAY HAS COME!

And there is shouting in the streets  
And weeping mingled with the joy,  
And prayer mounting over all;  
And everywhere, oh everywhere,  
Is wonder that the day has come,  
And that the Jew has climbed a hill of glass—  
Which had been building for two thousand  
years,  
A hill whose polished sides were sheer and  
cold  
With not a foothold for the ones who sought  
to climb,  
And many hands to tug and pull one down  
And apathy and mockery for those who  
tried;

And yet, the day has come!  
Let him who feels like singing, sing;  
Let him who feels like weeping, weep;  
Let him who seeks out prayer, pray;  
But let us not forget the hill, though won,  
Has somewhere deep within it some bright  
core,  
Which must be found and breathed upon  
to flame,  
So that the hill will seek surrender with the  
earth.  
For there must never rise again  
Such barriers as these to bar the way  
To those who seek a home.  
And those who flounder in a teeming world  
Must know there waits an open door  
To which the path is formed forever for  
their feet,  
While those whose destiny was ash and  
dust . . .  
Those too will find their way back home;  
The wind will bear their spirits on its wings  
And lay them gently on the ancient soil  
For they are not forgotten at this hour  
And for their souls, as well, THE DAY HAS  
COME.

an even greater miracle, for he returned himself, and also caused me to return.

(Shalom Jacob Abramovitch, known to all of Russian Jewry as Mendele Mocher Sforim, wrote in Yiddish and Hebrew of life in the Russian ghetto. He wrote in Yiddish because he felt that in this popular medium he could make his creations real. He portrayed, in simple style, the unworldliness and pathetic idealism of Jewish life, and was its most eloquent interpreter.)



## CONGREGATIONAL CHANUKAH CELEBRATIONS

### ADATH JESHURUN

The Annual Chanukah Family Dinner which was to have been held by the Adath Jeshurun Sisterhood on Sunday evening, December 26 is cancelled.

### AGUDATH ACHIM

The Agudath Achim Sisterhood will hold its Annual Chanukah Party for members and seatholders of the Congregation on Sunday evening, December 26 at 8:30 P.M., in the Auditorium of the Talmud Torah, 453 Rideau Street. The evening will be highlighted by a novel feature program.

The committee in charge of arrangements is contacting all members for reservations.

### MACHZIKEI HADATH

The Annual Chanukah Supper of the Machzikei Hadath Congregation will be held on Sunday evening, January 2, at 6:30 P.M., in the Vestry of the Synagogue, Murray Street.

The committee in charge is contacting all members.

### B'NAI JACOB

Congregation B'nai Jacob's Annual Chanukah Banquet will be held on Sunday evening, January 2, at 6:30 P.M., in the Vestry of the Synagogue, James Street.

The Committee in charge is contacting all members.

### AGUDATH ISRAEL

The Annual Chanukah Celebration of pupils of the West End Branch of the Talmud Torah and their parents will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 26 from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M., at the Synagogue, Fairmont Avenue.

### B'NAI B'RITH BASKETEERS

Since its introduction into Ottawa basketball circles in the 1946-47 season, the B'nai B'rith Basketball Team has acquitted itself with distinction. That season, the team came within two points of winning the Dominion Intermediate Crown.

In the 1947-48 season, the team entered the Senior Basketball League. The season proved to be successful inasmuch as the boys gained a good deal of experience which is standing them in good stead this year.

Coach Irving Shapero has whipped the team into excellent condition and hopes run high for a playoff berth this year.

Members of the team are Abe Mosion, Joe Bodnoff, Ben Shapiro, Norman Torontow, Mervin Greenberg, Edward Saslove, Morley Goldfield, Elliot Levitan, Art Lazear and Clayton Fein. Herb Gosewich is Manager.

The team well merits the support of the Jewish Community of Ottawa. Watch the sport pages of your newspaper for announcements of games.

## KINDLING THE SABBATH LIGHTS



"L'Hadlik Neir Shel Shabbos"

### MEDITATION BEFORE KINDLING THE SABBATH LIGHTS

Lord of the Universe, I am about to perform the sacred duty of kindling the lights in honour of the Sabbath, even as it is written: "And thou shalt call the Sabbath a delight, and the holy day of the Lord honourable." And may the effect of my fulfilling this commandment be, that the stream of abundant life and heavenly blessing flow in upon me and mine; that thou be gracious unto us, and cause thy Presence to dwell among us.

Father of Mercy, O continue thy loving kindness unto me and my dear ones. Make me worthy to (rear my children so that they) walk in the way of the righteous before thee, loyal to thy Torah and clinging to good deeds... Keep thou far from us all manner of shame, grief and care; and grant that peace, light and joy ever abide in our home. For with thee is the fountain of life; in thy light do we see light, Amen.

*Hertz's Authorized Prayer Book.*

### SCHEDULE

December 24.....	4:06 p.m.
December 31.....	4:11 p.m.
January 7.....	4:18 p.m.
January 14.....	4:26 p.m.
January 21.....	4:35 p.m.

### December 25

Torah—"Vayeshev"—(Gen. 37:1 - 40:23)  
Prophets—Amos 2:6 - 38.

### January 1

Torah—"Mikez"—(Gen. 41:1 - 44:17. Numbers 28:9 - 15; 7:42 - 47).  
Prophets—Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7.

### January 8

Torah—"Vayigash"—(Gen. 44:18 - 47:27)  
Prophets—Ezekiel 37:15 - 28.

### January 15

Torah—"Vayechi"—(Gen. 47:28 - 50:26)  
Prophets—I Kings 2:1 - 12.

### January 22

Torah—"Shemos"—(Exodus 1:1 - 6:1)  
Prophets—Isaiah 27:6 - 28:13; 29:22 - 23.

## OTTAWA HEBREW BENEFIT SOCIETY HOLD ELECTIONS

The results of elections recently held by the Ottawa Hebrew Benefit Society follow: President: B. Weiss; Vice-President: I. B. Bodnoff; Treasurer: I. Weiner; Fin. Secretary: L. Slack; Rec. Secretary: H. Gencher; Trustees: D. Friendly, I. Hartman, Menashe Greenberg; Inside Guard: L. Slavin; Marshal N. Lang.

### HISTADRUT LEAGUE ELECTION RESULTS

The following are the results of elections held recently by the Histadrut League of Ottawa:

President: M. Shabinsky; 1st Vice-President: D. Green; 2nd Vice-President: L. Blostein; Treasurer: L. Zipman; Rec. Secretary: N. Kalin; Executive Secretary: J. Stoller.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES PARENTS GROUP

The Ottawa Hebrew Sunday School Parents Group recently elected the following officers for the 1948-49 season:

President: J. Barrett.

Vice-President: Mrs. B. Lesh.

Secretary: Mrs. K. Smith.

The Parents Group have already shown their keen interest in the School by providing a 12 record automatic virola, cartoon films for the Chanukah concert and the Chanukah candy treat.

### CHANUKAH CONCERT

On Sunday morning, December 19, the sound of clashing armour vibrated through the Osgoode St. School Auditorium as Matisyohu and his brave band of warriors defeated the well-armed Syrians, as the able Sunday School players retold the Story of Chanukah. Each child in vivid costume, here the Maccabees in blue and white capes, opposing the silver-armoured enemy in a realistic mock battle, now the unfolding of the miracle of the crucible of oil, and then the children of the kindergarten class each dressed like a small candle forming a huge live menorah to tell about "In the window where we can shed our light", and last, but not least, the Dreidel Song.

Add to this the Palestinian film "A Day in Daganah", cartoons, a special candy treat provided by the Parents Group, plus the exchange of Chanukah gifts by the children and you have the full story of the Annual Chanukah Concert of the Ottawa Hebrew Sunday School.

### SABBATH SERVICES DEC. 25 - JAN. 1

Those persons who normally find it difficult to attend Sabbath Morning Services will have an excellent opportunity to do so on Saturday mornings December 25 and January 1.

## CRADLE ROLL

Baby daughter Rhona Judith (Rachel) born December 15 to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Addleman (nee Marion Stein).

Baby son Neil Lawrence (Nota Leib) born December 3 to Mr. and Mrs. Max Bordeley (nee Marsha Gorelick).

Baby son Harvey Leonard (Herschel Leib) born November 26 to Mr. and Mrs. David Mickenberg (nee Betty Stuart).

## MARRIAGES

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Kay (nee Esther Charlotte Gordon) who were married December 5 in Watertown, N.Y. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gordon of Ottawa and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Kay of Hartford, Conn.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Congratulations are extended on the engagements of:

Beatrice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Applebaum to Louis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rodman of Outremont, Que.

Barbara Sally, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goldenberg to Louis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fine.

## BAR-MITZVAH

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Zaichuk of Edmunston, N.B., on the occasion of the Bar-Mitzvah of their son Gerald, which will be celebrated on Saturday morning, January 22 in the Machzikei Hadath Congregation.

## SADNESS

The Community mourns the recent loss of the late

**Lillian Goldenberg**

May her memory be a blessing.  
May the Almighty comfort her loved ones.

## STORY OF THE MACCABEES

It is good for the Jewish lads to include warriors of their own race in their gallery of heroes.

But still better it is for them to feel that these brave men drew their courage from the purest of all sources, from a passionate love for their religion, from a veneration for the good and the true and the morally beautiful. The Maccabees boldly faced overwhelming odds, not for their own selfish ends, but in a spirit of self-sacrificing fidelity to the holiest of all causes. They threw themselves upon the enemy in the temper that takes the martyr to the stake; they did it not for gain or glory, but solely for consciences' sake. They felt that G-d was calling to them, and they could not hold back. Theirs was a unique effort. Others had, it is true, displayed equally noble courage on the battlefield. But what they had fought for was their fatherland and their mother tongue, their hearths and homes. To fight for religion was a new thing.

The little Maccabean band was like a rock in the midst of a surging sea. Standing almost alone in their day, the heroes beat back the forces that threatened to involve all mankind in a common demoralization. They kept a corner of the world sweet in an impure age.

*Morris Joseph.*

## ISRAEL SENDS MEZUZOTH TO MOSCOW

*Tel Aviv*—The door posts of the Israeli Legation in Moscow bear mezuzoth, Rabbi Meir Berlin, Mizrahi leader, stated here. The mezuzoth were brought by Mrs. Goldie Myerson, Israeli Minister to the Soviet Union. He also reported that the rules of kashruth will be observed in the Legation's kitchen.

## CHANUKAH — ITS HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANCE

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to Josephus, the Jewish Historian. But soon Mattathias died and on his deathbed he delegated the affairs of his small group to his five sons, and especially to Judah, the eldest.

### Judah Defeats Antiochus' Generals

Appollonius, one of Antiochus' generals, immediately set forth with his army to combat this band of Jews who dared to revolt, but met with defeat. Seron, another general, was the next to attempt to stem the growing strength of the Jews, but his army was also defeated at Beth-Horon, by the much smaller but spirited army of Judah.

### Judah Enters Jerusalem

By far the greatest struggle was with the vast army sent by Lysias, (who was appointed King by Antiochus during the latter's absence from Syria) and led by Nicanor, Gorgias and Ptolemy. With about forty thousand infantrymen and seven thousand cavalrymen encamped at Emmaus, Gorgias went ahead to attempt a surprise attack on the Jewish positions. Judah averted that portion of the army under Gorgias and in turn surprised Nicanor in his camp, killing most of the enemy soldiers. Gorgias, seeing the flames of the camp of Emmanus, became frightened, and decided to return to Lysias. When Judah defeated still another army sent by Lysias, he was able to enter Jerusalem and declare his people to be free.

### Rededication of Temple

It was said that when Judah entered the Temple he found it completely desecrated and in a state of ruin. He set about to rebuild the Temple and rededicate it. Of course, he needed light by which to work, since the men were so enthusiastic that they worked night and day. The Talmud tells us that a tiny vial of oil which was still pure, having the stamp of the High Priest upon it, was used, but it was expected to last for only one day. Then as if by a miracle, the light furnished by the oil lasted for eight days, by virtue whereof, Chanukah has been celebrated for eight days.

### Chanukah 25th Day of Kislev

The lighting of the Chanukah candles signifies the regained liberty of the Jewish people and the 25th of Kislev, which this year falls on December 27th is celebrated to commemorate the deeds of the Hasmonaens. When lighting the Chanukah candles we are bidden to recite three blessings on the first night and two on the remaining nights. The first is for the privilege of lighting the candles. The second mentions the miracle of the small vial of oil which the lamp commemorates. The third which is said only on the first night, expresses our thanks to God for having given us the privilege of living to celebrate this holiday.

## Y. P. L. GALA CHANUKAH DANCE

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, at 8:30 P.M.**

**ASSEMBLY HALL, LANSDOWNE PARK**

**Herb Mason and his Orchestra**

### REFRESHMENTS

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DOOR PRIZES  
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